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LOG OF MEETING

DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: Heat Tapes

PLACE: CPSC, Bethesda, MD

DATE OF MEETING: May 26, 1994

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Nicholas Mogan *for N.M.*

DATE OF ENTRY: May 31, 1994

COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Stephen Lemberg, GC

Carolyn Meiers, EPHF

Nicholas Mogan, ESEE

Robert L. Northedge, ESEE

Charles Smith, EC

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Karen Cottle, Raychem Corp. and Andrew Krulwich, Wiley Rein & Fielding
(Counsel for Raychem Corp.)

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Mr. Northedge opened the meeting. He summarized what we learned from the the tests conducted by UL under the CPSC contract. Mr. Krulwich said that Raychem has some reservations about the interpretation of the test results in the contractor's report. He asked if the staff could offer a supplementary explanation of what the term "fire hazard" means in this report. He added that Raychem has other technical comments which will be submitted in writing. The group then discussed the CPSC staff's effort to persuade HUD to permit GFCI protection for the heat tape outlets under manufactured homes. Also discussed was the possibility of including an abnormal-use test for self-regulating heat tapes in the new UL standard. (This was proposed by CPSC staff at the last UL/CSA harmonization meeting.)

Other discussions were conducted during the closed portion of the meeting.